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Ottone M. Riccio, 90, musician and author



Ottone M. Riccio, age 90, of Duxbury, better known as "Ricky," died Sept. 23, 2011 at the Weymouth Health Care Center in Weymouth. Mr. Riccio had many careers: he played alto sax and clarinet for the Ray Bellaire band in

Providence R.I. in the big band era. During WWII, he served as a corporal and radioman with the 18th Fighter Control Squadron in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he became Circulation and Acquisitions Librarian for the Air Force's Geophysical Research Library at Hanscom Field in Bedford, Mass. During the late 60's and 70's, he then left the library to

pursue his own writing interests and to publish a literary magazine, "Pyramid." By the end of the 70's, he had become a teacher of creative writing, a role he enjoyed most and for which he will be especially remembered. He is the author of numerous books of poetry, a novel, and two influential texts on writing poetry.

Mr. Riccio leaves his wife, Dolores Stewart Riccio of Duxbury; his step-daughter Lucy-Marie Sanel of Plymouth; his sister Anna Riccio Morin of Florence, Mass.; and six nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the First Parish Church in Duxbury last week and he was laid to rest in the Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury. Donations in Mr. Riccio's memory may be made to Defenders of Wildlife, Washington D.C., P.O.Box 1553, Merrifield VA 22116.